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LETTER DATED 14 JANUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter from the Mayor of the city of Tuzla, dated 14 January 1994.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 14 January 1994 from the Mayor of the city of Tuzla addressed to the President of the Security Council

I regret to inform you that today, 13 January 1994, Serb forces positioned on the Mount Majevica shelled the city of Tuzla and areas in its immediate vicinity. Projectiles of high calibre and of great destructive power were fired at civilian targets, wounding many citizens.

Allow me to remind You, Excellency, that Tuzla has been declared a safe zone according to the provisions of Security Council resolution 836. Accordingly, the international community has committed itself to protecting the city of Tuzla where more than 170,000 civilians live in a densely populated urban area. There are no military targets in the city.

Despite Security Council resolution 836, the Serb aggressor has almost every day in the last two months shelled civilian targets in Tuzla, and in several instances, fired surface to surface missiles, with the intent of causing as many casualties among the civilian population and further endangering the lives of Tuzla's citizens.

Over the last ten days, the Clinical and Medical Center of the city of Tuzla has come under heavy artillery attack - one more in the line of crimes perpetrated by the Serb forces.

At present, (9.30 a.m. CET) while writing this letter, the city centre is under heavy mortar attack. It is reported from the Clinical and Medical Center that there is a high number of killed and wounded civilians.

We urge the NATO Alliance to implement resolution 836 of the Security Council, declaring Tuzla a safe area. The passive approach of the international community and the lack of political will only encourage the Serb aggressor to unabatedly continue with the crimes against humanity.

Mr. Selim Beslagic
Mayor
The city of Tuzla